

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works *mlm*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-1

Urgent ☐

Routine ☒

AGENDA DATE March 22, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES ☐ NO ☐
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES ☐ NO ☒

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt a resolution supporting the findings of the February 2011 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. However, the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment strongly urges the State of California to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-186

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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DISCUSSION:

On January 12, 2010, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution supporting the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment. The League of Cities (League) and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) have updated that report and presented the February 2011 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment. Like the first study, data was collected from California's 58 counties and 480 cities in 2010, capturing more than 97 percent of the State's local streets and roads. The results show that California's local streets and roads are continuing to fail. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average pavement condition index (PCI) has deteriorated from 68 in 2008 to 66 ("at risk" category) in 2010. If current funding remains the same, the statewide condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 54 by 2020. Even more critical, the unfunded backlog of street and road improvements will almost double from \$39.1 billion to \$63.6 billion. This year, the study also addressed funding needs to replace or rehabilitate the State's 12,562 local bridges. The estimated shortfall in the bridge program is \$0.3 billion statewide.

Based on the study results, nearly \$7.9 billion annually in new money is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of the local street and road system and to preserve the public's \$271 billion pavement investment. The study states that this is equivalent to about a 53-cent per gallon tax increase.

Regionally, Stanislaus County (including incorporated areas) maintains approximately 5,912 lane miles of roadway with an average PCI of 51 (border of "poor" and "at risk" ratings).

The goal of this study is to use the findings of this report to continue to educate policymakers at all levels of government about the infrastructure investments needed to provide California with a seamless, multimodal transportation system. The findings of this study provide a credible and defensible analysis to support a dedicated, stable funding source for maintaining the local system at an optimum level. It also provides the rationale for the most effective and efficient investment of public funds, potentially saving taxpayers from paying significantly more to fix local streets and roads into the future.

The full study can be found at www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org.

POLICY ISSUES:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priorities of providing A Safe Community, A Healthy Community and A Well Planned Infrastructure System by providing information on the infrastructure investments needed to provide California with a seamless, multimodal transportation system.

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STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Date:

No.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY 2011 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate over 81% of the roads in California, where every trip begins and ends, and the local system is crucial for safety and mobility of the traveling public, farm to market needs, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, while federal and state governments regularly assess their transportation system needs, no such data existed for the local component of the state's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs; and

WHEREAS, the study surveyed all of California's 58 counties and 478 cities in 2010, resulting in data from more than 97% of local street and road miles; and

WHEREAS, the results show that California's local streets and roads are on a path of significant decline. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average pavement condition index (PCI) is 66, placing it in the "at risk category"; and

WHEREAS, if current funding remains the same, the statewide condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 54 in 10 years, and further to 48 ("poor" category) by 2033; and

WHEREAS, local bridges are also an integral part of the roadway system and approximately \$3.3 billion is needed to replace or rehabilitate them; and

WHEREAS, even more critical, the unfunded backlog is \$70 billion over the next 10 years and will more than double in the next 20 years; and

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Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California**

WHEREAS, ongoing road maintenance is a significant public safety concern. Fatality rates on county roads already exceed those of the State's freeway system. A county's failure to maintain its paved road network (potholes filling, sealing, overlays, etc.), traffic signals, signs, and street lights has a direct correlation to traffic accidents, injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, to spend the taxpayer's money cost-effectively, preserving and maintaining the local system in good condition is less costly than to let it deteriorate. To bring the pavement condition and essential components, such as storm drains and gutters, of local streets and roads to a level of best management practices there needs to be an additional investment of nearly \$70 billion dollars over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, thereby preserving the public's \$271 billion pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration, at least \$7 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets and roads; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY supports the findings of the February 2011 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; and